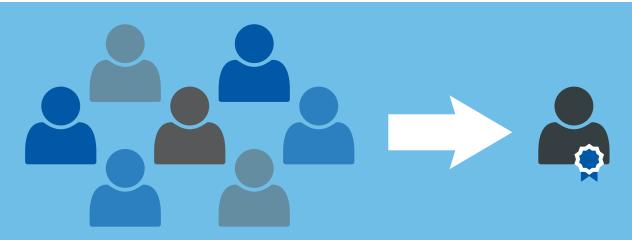


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1. Look for your vouchers in the mail after January 3, 2017.



2. Find the list of qualified candidates on our website and assign your voucher.



3. Return your vouchers to a candidate's campaign or mail your vouchers to the City of Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission.



4. Your candidate receives the money from your voucher.



5. Follow your candidate through the election process!

Find qualified candidates at: www.seattle.gov/democracyvoucher

## How do I get my vouchers?

You are eligible to receive \$100 in Democracy Vouchers if you are:

- A Seattle resident.
- At least 18 years of age, and
- Either: A U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident ("green card holder").

Registered voters will automatically receive four \$25 Democracy Vouchers in the mail after January 3, 2017.

You do not have to be a registered voter to receive Democracy **Vouchers. Apply today by visiting the website!** 

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### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### What are Democracy Vouchers?

Democracy Vouchers are paper certificates you can use to support a candidate's campaign for City Council or City Attorney positions. Eligible Seattle residents will receive four vouchers, each valued at \$25. As the first of its kind in the nation, the Democracy Voucher Program aims to increase the number of Seattle residents who contribute to Seattle candidate campaigns.

#### **How is the Democracy Voucher Program funded?**

In 2015, Seattle voters approved the citizen-led intiative "Honest Elections Seattle" (I-122). This initiative authorized a maximum property tax increase of \$3 million per year to fund the program for the next 10 years. The Democracy Voucher Program costs the average homeowner about \$11.50 a year.

#### What is the role of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission?

The Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission is a nonpartisan, independent City commission that enforces the ethics, elections, lobbying, and whistleblower codes for the City of Seattle. As a result of the voter-approved I-122, the Commission will administer and audit the Democracy Voucher Program.

#### What is the purpose of the Democracy Voucher Program?

Democracy Vouchers are a new way for Seattle residents to get more involved in their local government. The Democracy Voucher Program aims to increase the number of Seattle residents who contribute to local campaigns.

#### **How do I use my Democracy Vouchers?**

You can give qualified candidates one (\$25), two (\$50), three (\$75), or all four (\$100) of your Democracy Vouchers. Vouchers must be signed, dated, and show the candidate's name clearly written on the voucher. Vouchers may be returned directly to a candidate's campaign or returned to the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission.

#### When will I receive my Democracy Vouchers?

Are you a registered voter? You will automatically receive Democracy Vouchers by mail after January 3, 2017.

**Not a registered voter?** You may apply to receive Democracy Vouchers by visiting www.seattle.gov/democracyvoucher. You will receive your Democracy Vouchers shortly after your application has been verified.

#### I do not want to use my vouchers. Can I give my Democracy Vouchers away?

Democracy Vouchers are assigned to you and only you. Vouchers may not be sold, gifted, or bought. Democracy Vouchers have no cash value and are not assets.

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ការចាប់ផ្តើមនៅខែមករា ឆ្នាំ 2017 កម្មវិធីប័ណ្ណប្រជាធិបតេយ្យថ្មីរបស់ទីក្រុងស៊ីថល Seattle ដែលធ្វើឱ្យវាមានភាពងាយស្រលជាងមុនសម្រាប់លោកអ្នក ដើម្បីចូលរូម់ក្នុងការបោះឆ្នោតនៅមូលដ្ឋាន។ ដើម្បីស្វែងយល់បន្ថែមទៀត និំងអនវត្ថុ សមចលទៅវែបសាយ៖ www.seattle.gov/democracyvoucher/cambodian។



Новая программа города Сиэттл «Ваучер демократа» облегчит ваше участие в местных выборах с января 2017 года. Чтобы узнать о программе больше и зарегистрироваться в ней, посетите сайт http://www.seattle.gov/democracyvoucher/russian.



自2017年1月起,西雅图的全新"民主代金券计划"让您能够更轻松地参加地方选举。 欲了解更多信息,请访问:www.seattle.gov/democracyvoucher/chinese-simplified。



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A partir de enero de 2017, el nuevo Programa de Vales Democráticos le facilita la tarea de participar en las elecciones locales. Para conocer más y solicitudes, visite www.seattle.gov/democracyvoucher/spanish.



Simula Enero 2017, magiging mas madali na para sa inyo ang makilahok sa mga lokal na halalan sa pamamagitan ng bagong Programa ng Seattle na Voucher ng Demokrasya (Democracy Voucher Program). Para sa karagdagang kaalaman at para magpalista, bisitahin ang www.seattle.gov/democracyvoucher/filipino. . .



เริ่มตั้งแต่มกราคม 2017 โครงการบัตรกำนัลเพื่อสนับสนุนระบอบประชาธิปไตยซึ่งเป็นโครงการใหม่ของเมืองซีแอตเทิลช่วยให้คุณสามารถเข้าร่วมใน การเลือกตั้งท้องถิ่นได้ง่ายขึ้น เรียนรู้เพิ่มเติมและขอรับได้ที่ www.seattle.gov/democracyvoucher/thai



2017년 1월부터 시애틀의 새 민주주의 바우처 프로그램을 통해 귀하가 지역 선거에 더 쉽게 참가할 수 있게 됩니다. 더 자세히 알아보고 신청하려면 www.seattle.gov/democracyvoucher/korean를 방문하십시오.



ካብ ጥሪ 2017 ጀሚፉ፣ ሓዲሽ ናይ ሲያትል ዲሞክራሲ ቫውቸር ፕሮግራም ኣብ ከባቢያዊ ምርጫታት ብቐሊሉ ክትሳተፍ የኽእለካ። ዝያዳ ሓበሬታ ንምፍላጥን ንምምልካትን፣ www.seattle.gov/democracyvoucher/tigrigna ተወከስ።



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Bắt đầu từ tháng 1 năm 2017, thành phố Seattle cho phép bạn tham gia dễ dàng hơn vào các cuộc bầu cử địa phương qua chương trình Vé Phiếu Dân Chủ (Democracy Voucher). Để biết thêm chi tiết và đăng ký, bạn có thể truy cập qua trang mạng www.seattle.gov/democracyvoucher/vietnamese